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Letter dated 12 April 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Portugal to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to draw your attention to the statement regarding the situation of Mr. Alpha Condé issued on 6 April 2000 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annex distributed as a document of the General Assembly under agenda item 116 (b).

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Statement regarding the situation of Mr. Alpha Condé issued on 6 April 2000 by the Presidency of the European Union on behalf of the European Union

The European Union has taken note of the official announcement by the Public Prosecutor of the Republic of Guinea of the opening on 12 April 2000 of the trial of Mr. Alpha Condé, who has been in custody since December 1998.

The European Union expresses the hoped that the trial will be conducted fairly and transparently, in full accordance with the law, thereby ensuring that Mr. Condé is in a position to defend himself on all charges brought against him.

The Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, the associated countries Cyprus, Malta and Turkey, and the European Free Trade Association countries members of the European Economic Area align themselves with this statement.